

BLAZE ORANGE

The Outdoor Guide To Fort Drum

Fall 2002 Edition



Permits For Recreational Activities on Fort Drum

Military personnel and local community members are welcome to hunt, fish, trap and pursue other recreational opportunities on Fort Drum lands.

Participants in any recreational activity must first obtain a Fort Drum Recreation Permit and Access Pass.

All Fort Drum Recreation Permits and Access Passes for the 2002-2003 season will be sold in the new Natural Resources Permit Office, Bldg S-2507, located on Route 26 between Great Bend and the Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield.

Recreation Permits will no longer be sold at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Recreation Permit & Access Pass Fee Schedule for 2002-2003 Season

Big Game Hunting.....\$10 Fishing.....\$8
Small Game Hunting...\$8 Trapping...\$10

Combination Permits

Big Game Hunting, Small Game Hunting and Fishing....\$22

Big Game Hunting, Small Game Hunting, Fishing and Trapping....\$30

Purchases are cash only.

Applicants must bring a photo ID and current New York state hunting, fishing or trapping license.

Recreation Permits and Access Passes for berry-picking, hiking, bird-watching and other similar activities are free-of-charge.

Please Note: New York State hunting, fishing and trapping licenses can be purchased off post at local License Issuing Agents.

Natural Resources Permit Office Tel: 772-HUNT (4868) Bldg. S-2507 / Route 26

Sept. 11 - Nov. 30, 2002	Wed.-Friday: 11am-6pm Saturday: 8am-12pm
Dec. 1 - Feb. 28, 2003	Saturday: 8am-12pm
Mar. 1 - Aug. 31, 2003	Thursday-Friday: 11am-6pm Saturday: 8am-12pm

All Archers Must Qualify to Hunt in 2002-2003

Archers must attend and pass an archery qualification session before being allowed to hunt on Fort Drum. Archers fulfilling requirements will receive a Fort Drum Archery Qualification Card (FDAQC), which must be in the archer's possession while hunting on Fort Drum. Archers are required to re-qualify every year.



Archers may qualify from the ground or from an elevated structure by shooting 3 of 5 arrows equipped with broadheads in the vital area of life-size 3-D deer targets. Military and civilian DoD personnel that plan to hunt in Fort Drum's cantonment area are required to qualify from the elevated structure.

A New York State Archery Stamp and Fort Drum Recreation Permit are not required to attend a qualification session.

To accommodate public access, four archery qualification sessions will be held at Bldg. S-2507, located on Route 26 between Great Bend and the Army Airfield. On post, qualifications will be held at the skeet range located just west of the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. P-11115. Signs will be posted at both locations.

(Archery Qualification Session Schedule on reverse.)

Deer Management Permits for Fort Drum

For the first time ever, hunters may apply for Deer Management Permits (DMPs) for Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 6H, which encompasses Fort Drum.



Hunters can apply for up to two Deer Management Permits in the WMUs of their choice via the new DEC automated licensing system (DECALS). DMPs will be issued by random computer selection at the License Issuing Agent and if selected, applicants will receive DMP(s) immediately.

- ♦ Hunters possessing a Deer Management Permit may take one antlerless deer per permit, in addition to a deer that may be taken with a regular big game license.
- ♦ Deer Management Permits are valid beginning November 1 in the Northern Zone, which includes WMU 6H, Fort Drum.
- ♦ DMPs may only be used in the WMU designated on the permit.

There are 700 DMPs available for unit 6H. If permits remain after the initial application period ends on October 15, remaining DMPs may be available on a first-come/first-served basis beginning in mid-October at all License Issuing Agents.

Deer Management Permit Fees

Junior Archery, Resident Sportsman, Super Sportsman, Conservation Legacy, Non-resident Super Sportsman license holders.....Free

Resident Small & Big Game, Non-resident Big Game license holders....\$10

Questions about information in BLAZE ORANGE can be directed to the Fish & Wildlife Program at 772-9636.

Remaining Archery Qualifications (continued)

Date	Time	Location
Saturday, September 14	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	*Bldg. 2507
Sunday, September 15	9:00 am - 11:00 am	*Bldg. 2507
Monday, September 23	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Skeet Range
Wednesday, September 25	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	*Bldg. 2507
Friday, September 27	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	*Bldg. 2507
Saturday, September 28	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Skeet Range
Tuesday, October 1	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Skeet Range

Archery qualifications take about 10 minutes to complete and will take place rain or shine.

* Open to Public



Special Antlerless Deer Tags Available!

The Cantonment Area Archery Hunting Program will offer 40 antlerless deer tags as part of the NYSDEC Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). DMAP tags will be issued on a "first come, first served" basis for one day use. Tags are available upon check-in at Range Control (Bldg. 4855). If the tag is filled, the deer must be checked in at Bldg. 4848 between 7am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday. If the tag is not filled that day, it must be returned to Range Control at check-out. Archers are allowed to fill a maximum of two DMAP tags per license.

DMAP tags will be available from Oct. 1–Dec. 1.

Over 160 Fish Caught at the 6th Annual Free Fishing Day

More than 150 anglers braved chilly North Country weather to participate in the 6th Annual Free Fishing Day & Clinic held at Remington Park on May 18. The event is sponsored in part by the Fort Drum Fish & Wildlife Program, the Outdoor Recreation Center, NYSDEC and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

And the winners are...

**Overall
Most Fish Caught (25)**
Dylan Tucker, age 11.

Casting Contest (age 6-11)
Furthest Cast
Tyler Augliano
Most Accurate Cast
Brittany Snyder

Casting Contest (age 12-18)
Furthest Cast
Chaz Doherty
Most Accurate Cast
Levi Paquin

**Overall
Largest Fish Caught (16 in.)**
Ashley Wankerl, age 12.

Fishing Derby (age 6 - under)
Largest Fish, Brett Finch
Most Fish, Tatianna Krueger

Fishing Derby (age 7 - 11)
Largest Fish, Mitchell Bievenour
Most Fish, Lucas Tucker

Fishing Derby (age 12 - 18)
Largest Fish, Quinton Ward
Most Fish, Brian Snyder

Sincere thanks to the Adirondack Lure Company, 1000 Islands Bait & Tackle Shop, K&M Sports and Snapple for providing prizes and beverages for the contestants.



IMPORTANT

***** REGULATION CHANGES *****

- ◆ In addition to training areas 4A and 4B, training areas 4D, 5A, 5D, 6B and 6C are open to archery hunting ONLY. **NO FIREARMS** at any time, during any season in these areas.
- ◆ Cantonment area hunting access is restricted to those with military or DoD identification only. Non-DoD civilians may NOT be sponsored for hunting purposes by military or DoD ID holders.
- ◆ Cantonment hunting areas 30-33 are now open for hunting on training holidays as well as on weekends and federal holidays.
- ◆ Remington Park is not open for archery hunting.
- ◆ Cantonment Area archers must hunt from tree stands elevated a minimum of **TEN FEET HIGH**.
- ◆ Big game taken in the Cantonment Area **must** be checked in at Bldg. 4848, Environmental Division, from 7am-4:30pm on Monday–Friday. The check station will not be open weekends or federal holidays. Check-in for deer and bear taken in the training areas is NOT required.

Mandatory Classes for Hunters/Trappers

All first-time hunters, trappers and bowhunters must pass a safety and education course before they can get a license in New York State. Courses are free-of-charge and are administered by the NYSDEC.

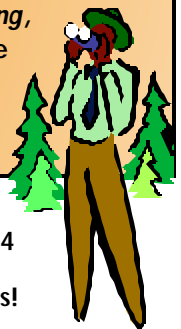
Hunter Education: Required for all hunting licenses including archery. The class covers firearms handling, outdoor skills and hunting techniques.

Trapper Education: Teaches how to trap responsibly, avoid unwanted species, and treat pelts to produce marketable furs.

Bowhunter Education: Why bowhunting is a special challenge to hunters.

To find a course in your county, call the regional Sportsman Education office at (315) 785-2544.

All hunters are responsible for knowing the laws, restrictions and procedures for hunting on Fort Drum as set forth in Fort Drum Regulation 200-2, *Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Camping*, available at the Fish & Wildlife office (Bldg. T-4848), the Permit Office (Bldg. 2507) and at the Outdoor Recreation Center (Bldg. P-11115).



DID YOU KNOW? All hunters on Fort Drum must wear orange headgear and 144 sq. inches of **BLAZE ORANGE**? Exceptions are duck and turkey hunters. **Read the rules!**